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SUBJECT: U.S.S. LIBERTY CLAIMS

REFERENCE: TEL AVIV 1478, APRIL 22, 1969, DEPT A-437, JUNE 19, 1968.

1. DEPARTMENT CONSULTING WITH TREASURY ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR BANK-TO-BANK TRANSFER OF FUNDS DISCUSSED FIRST REF AND WILL INSTRUCT BY SEPTEL.

2. SINCE GOI NOTE DOES NOT REF[illegible]AIM FOR DAMAGE TO SHIP (SECOND REF), ACCEPTANCE OF PAYM[illegible] USG WOULD NOT PREJUDICE THAT CLAIM, WHICH WOULD REMAIN UNS[illegible]D AND SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. TO AVOID POSSIBLE IMPEDIMENT TO PAYMENT PERSONAL INJURY, MEDICAL EXPENSE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIMS, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RAISE SHIP CLAIM WITH GOI AT THIS TIME. HAS EMBASSY ANY INDICATION ISRAELI INTENTIONS RE SHIP CLAIM?

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